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In re the Application of:

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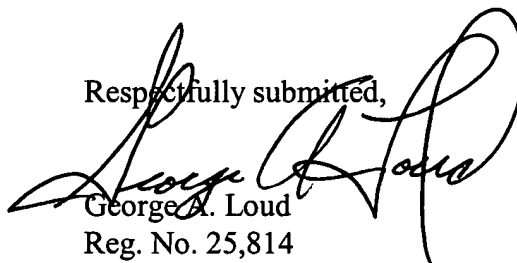
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Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the two Japanese documents listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith, along with a published English language abstract of each.

The two Japanese documents referenced here are those discussed as "Related Art" at pages 1-3 of applicants' specification and the examiner's attention is directed to that teaching for a statement of the relevance thereof.

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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		2002-139136	5/17/02	JP				
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